

DANCE!

One of the many great things about Gorzycki Middle School is its award winning dance program. Starting in the sixth grade, students may elect to take dance as a PE credit. At the end of the year, they may audition for one of the seventh and eighth grade dance teams : Tiger Drill, Tiger Dancers or Tigerettes. For the past five years, all three teams have won numerous awards at local and state competitions. Some expenses are paid by parents, but the GMS Dance Booster Club tries to cover as many expenses as possible through workshops for younger children in the community, the school Valentine's Day Dance and other events. The dance team's next fundraiser is a garage sale to be held March 29th in the parking lot of the Urgent Care Center at 5000 W. Slaughter Lane near the Wendy's. The sale starts at 7:00 and will go on until about 1:00, so please stop by, shop for bargains and help out your local dance team.



WELCOME

A Newsletter for Meridian residents

The Monitor is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Meridian residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it meridian@peelinc.com. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

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BIRDIES FOR BIKES JUNIOR CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

River Place Country Club was the site in November of the third annual Birdies for Bikes Junior Charity Golf Tournament, a tournament for young golfers ranging in age from six through seventeen years. The tournament drew junior golfers from San Antonio in the south to Round Rock in the north and Pflugerville in the east to Bee Cave and Marble Falls in the west. The Birdies for Bikes tournament works in conjunction with the Mix 94.7 Bikes for Kids charity. In its short three year history, Birdies for Bikes has raised more than \$22,000 to help fund bicycles, helmets and bike locks as Christmas or Hanukkah gifts for underprivileged children of Central Texas. The young Birdies for Bikes golfers solicit donations and pledges from family, friends and neighbors for the birdies and pars that they make during tournament play. This year the tournament raised \$10,759.



Hailey Derrickson presenting check to Alex Franco and Sarah Osburn of Mix 94.7.

Tournament founder Hailey Derrickson solicited donations from local businesses. Supporters of the tournament with cash donations as hole sponsors included Financial Solutions (Life Insurance, Retirement and Estate Planning), Field Photography, Jill Briley of Private Label Realty, NFP (Benefits, Insurance and Wealth Management), Paula Kaisner of CruiseOne Dream Vacations and several individual families. Many businesses donated prizes for the junior golfers that collected the most money for the charity, for closest-to-the-pin competitions and for raffle drawings. These donors included Strait Music with a guitar which was later autographed by The Plain White T's band, Alamo Drafthouse, Austin Park, Biejo Bags, Big Frog Custom T-Shirts, Brighton Collectibles (Lakeline Mall), Chili's Restaurant, Cinemark Theatres, Crowned Chick Designs, Cups and Cones, Flores Restaurant, Lake Travis Zipline Adventures, Main Event, Menchie's, Moviehouse & Eatery, Oasis Restaurant, Papa Murphy's, P. Terry's, Round Rock Express, San Antonio Spurs, Subway Restaurants of Four Points and Lakeway, Target of Four Points, Texas Junior Golf Tour, Texas Stars hockey, The League Kitchen & Tavern, Top Golf, Volente Beach Waterpark and Zack's American Bistro. Many thanks to these very community oriented businesses that helped the young Birdies for Bikes golfers prove that kids can help other kids less fortunate than themselves.

Some of the Birdies for Bikes Junior Charity Golf Tournament participants with Sandy McIlree, formerly of Mix 94.7 and Rich Beem, professional golfer, both of whom donated their day to come and play with the junior golfers.

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February 22, 2014, 6:30pm
At Roger Beasley Maserati of Austin
12925 Pond Springs Road, Austin, 78729

Website: childrensaustin.org (listed under "upcoming events"). Get more info, view event video, or purchase tickets - available for a discount online until Feb. 20 or can be purchased at the door.

Contact: Karen Peoples, Chairman NWA COF, at klpeoples@austin.rr.com or (512) 563-2927



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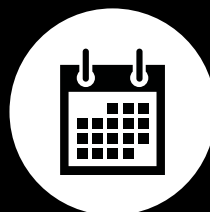
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Austin Real Estate Partners' Annual Appreciation Report Average Sold Price / SF History							
Southwest Austin by Neighborhood	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Change Since 2012	Annual Appreciation Rate
Barker Ranch	\$ 104	\$ 108	\$ 99	\$ 100	\$ 110	9.70%	1.37%
Belterra	\$ 100	\$ 101	\$ 104	\$ 107	\$ 119	10.59%	4.39%
Circle C Ranch	\$ 115	\$ 116	\$ 119	\$ 125	\$ 137	9.59%	4.48%
Heights at Loma Vista	\$ 123	\$ 115	\$ 113	\$ 119	\$ 127	7.11%	0.76%
Highpointe	\$ 95	\$ 96	\$ 95	\$ 105	\$ 115	9.42%	4.70%
Ledge Stone	\$ 89	\$ 94	\$ 100	\$ 105	\$ 110	5.24%	5.48%
Legend Oaks	\$ 115	\$ 116	\$ 112	\$ 112	\$ 132	17.48%	3.55%
Maple Run	\$ 110	\$ 111	\$ 105	\$ 113	\$ 129	13.78%	4.01%
Meridian	\$ 114	\$ 121	\$ 119	\$ 128	\$ 134	4.48%	3.97%
Oak Creek Parke	\$ 98	\$ 100	\$ 106	\$ 106	\$ 116	9.16%	4.20%
Sendera	\$ 112	\$ 113	\$ 109	\$ 114	\$ 134	17.54%	4.51%
Shady Hollow	\$ 113	\$ 110	\$ 112	\$ 116	\$ 129	10.94%	3.37%
Villages at Western Oaks	\$ 117	\$ 117	\$ 115	\$ 124	\$ 141	14.04%	4.79%
Western Oaks	\$ 122	\$ 120	\$ 118	\$ 137	\$ 155	13.63%	6.22%
SW Austin Average	\$ 111	\$ 113	\$ 112	\$ 118	\$ 131	10.97%	4.10%
% Change Yr / Prior Yr	(3.11%)	1.40%	(0.41%)	4.77%	10.97%		

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